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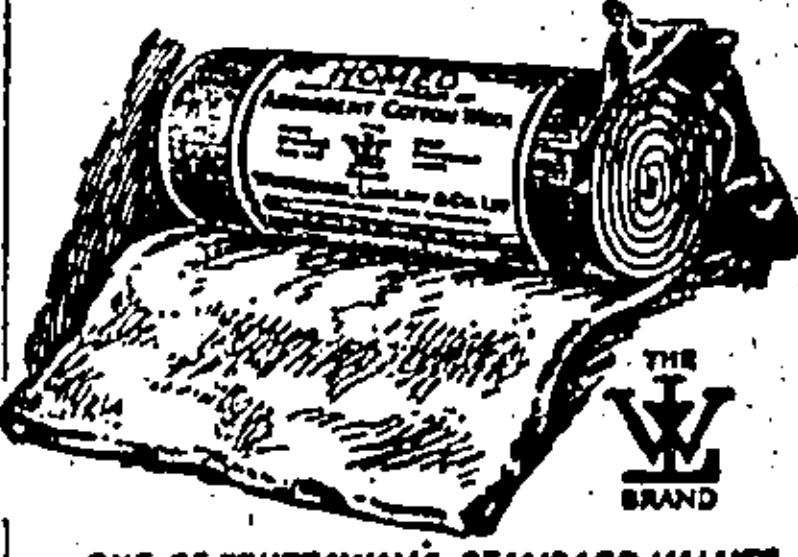
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### CHIANG'S RECENT PROTEST.

### SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S REPLY.

### YANTSE GENERALLY QUIET.

### SOUTHERN TROOPS CROSSING RIVER.

General Chiang Kai-shek's recent statement that the British had impeded his advance against the Northerners was effectively answered by the British Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday.

Wireless messages received in Hong Kong by the naval authorities report that the situation at Shanghai and on the Yangtse generally is quiet. Southern troops are crossing the river at Chinkiang.

### NANKING RAILWAY.

### No Grounds For Chiang's Protest.

### London, May 23.

In the House of Commons, Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether the British naval forces were interfering with the use of railway trucks for the transport of General Chiang Kai-shek's troops in the operations against the Northern Government's forces and whether similar prohibitions would be placed in future on any attempt by the forces of Northern generals to cross the river from the North. Properly Mortgaged.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, stated in view of the fact that the whole of the property of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway is mortgaged to British interests as security for the railway loan, representations had always been made when there had been a threat or an attempt to transfer the rolling stock for military purposes across the Yangtse.

Impartial Attitude. Sir Austen Chamberlain cited representations made to General Chang Tsung-chang on March 21 similar to those made on May 17. He said the G.O.C. secretary informed the Captain of H.M.S. "Carlisle" of the proposal to transfer the rolling stock at Nanking to Pukow and was told this would not be permitted.

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that these representations were founded on the loan agreement, while as regards the Tientsin-Pukow there was no mortgage, therefore there would not be the same legal grounds on which to base a protest.

A Different Matter. Sir Austen Chamberlain added that the Captain of the "Carlisle" had been directed not to object to the Nationalist transhipment from Nanking to Pukow of trucks and armoured cars belonging to that railway.

[Before General Chiang Kai-shek left Shanghai for Nanking at noon on May 20, he made a speech accusing the British of assisting the Northern attack on Wusung and in the prevention of rolling stock from Nanking to Pukow.]

### YANTSE QUIET.

### No Opposition to River Crossing.

### Shanghai, May 23.

The situation here and on the Yangtse generally is quiet. The only movements reported are at Chinkiang, where the Southerners are moving troops to the North Bank without opposition subsequent to the bombardment and the report of the Northerners having landed on Gold Island. [British Naval] Wireless.

### BACK TO FRANCE.

### Doriot Returning to Defend Himself.

### Paris, May 23.

The Communist deputy Doriot has cabled to "Humanité" from Vladivostok stating that he is returning to France to defend himself in the proceedings instituted by the Government in account of speeches he made in China. Reuter.

Doriot, it will be remembered, visited Canton and Hankow in company with Tom Mann, Bertie Williams and others, and was received very cordially by the Chinese Communists.

### FINAL STEP.

### BREAK WITH RUSSIA EXPECTED.

### ARCOS RAID SEQUEL.

### Statement in Parliament To-day.

### London, May 23.

Reuter's Lobby correspondent reports that there is now an almost universal conviction that the statements of Ministers on May 24 with regard to the Arcos raid will involve a complete break with Russia.—Reuter.

### Orders Stopped.

Moscow, May 23. M. Mokoyan, the People's Commissar of Trade, has instructed the Soviet trade representative in London to refrain from lodging new orders with British industrial concerns.—Reuter.

A sensation was caused in London by the action of the police in raiding Arcos House where several Soviet organisations, including the Russian Trade Delegation, have their offices. The raid came as a complete surprise. None the less efforts were made to burn papers and the keys of some of the safes were taken away. Sir William Joyson-Hicks, Home Secretary, asked the House of Commons on May 19 to wait until May 24 for the promised statement on the Arcos House raid, as the Government had not been able to complete its examination of the information obtained by the police or to determine the consequences thereof. Mr. Arthur Henderson asked that Wednesday might be given for a debate on the whole question. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, offered to give Thursday, as on Wednesday the Foreign Secretary had an important engagement. This was accepted.]

[Captain Nungesser started from Le Bourget to fly to New York, accompanied by Captain Coli, in a huge aeroplane named the "White Bird," painted white to facilitate being spotted in the event of forced descent into the sea, with a black heart near the cockpit on which a skull and crossbones and a coffin are daubed white, "to shew I am not afraid," as Captain Nungesser explained. The plane soared out of sight and has not been seen since.]

### LINDBERGH HONOURED.

### THE HERO OF THE HOUR IN PARIS.

### FRENCH AIRMEN'S PROJECT.

### ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORD.

Captain Lindbergh, the American aviator who flew from New York to Paris single-handed during the week-end, is still the hero of the hour in Paris, where further honours have been heaped upon him.

Meanwhile the two French airmen who established a long distance record by flying from Paris to Jask have made ready to leave for Tokyo to-day, weather permitting, to establish a new record.

### A WIDOW'S GIFTS.

Nungesser and Coli Not Forgotten.

### BRITISH AIRMEN.

Cause of Descent in Persian Gulf.

### Karachi, May 23.

The airmen Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman were forced to descend owing to their petrol being exhausted.—Reuter.

[Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman left Cranwell in a seven seat Hawker bomber h.p. Rolls Royce engine, in an attempt to create a world's non-stop flight record. They hoped to reach the vicinity of Calcutta. They were equipped with hardboiled eggs, cold beef, raisins, biscuits, apples and pear drops, water, vacuum flasks of tea and coffee and with the biggest load of petrol ever carried by an aeroplane. However, they had to make a forced landing in the sea in the Persian Gulf 45 miles south-east of Bandar Abbas. The airmen were picked up by a ship, but the machine was a total wreck. They enjoyed for an hour the honour of holding the world's non-stop record. The airmen landed in the Persian Gulf at 9.15 in the evening, British summer time, on Saturday. If, as appears likely, they beat the French Paris-to-Jask record, they thus held the world's record until 10.22 in the evening, when Captain Lindbergh landed at Le Bourget. The French record was 3,845 miles, while Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman had apparently flown 3,400 miles, or 200 miles less than Captain Lindbergh.]

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### Later.

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### EARLIER MESSAGES.

Lindbergh Decorated by the President.

### Paris, May 23.

M. Doumergue the President of France has decorated Captain Lindbergh with the Cross of the Legion of Honour.—Reuter.

### The Marquis de Pinedo.

### St. John, Newfoundland, May 23.

A telegram from "Trespassy" says that the Marquis de Pinedo, who since his new machine from Italy arrived in New York has down thence to Chicago and Montreal across Canada, has left for Azores en route to Italy.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS.

### CHIANG CLAIMS MAJOR SUCCESS.

### Shanghai, May 24.

A message from Nanking states that General Chiang Kai-shek also claims a major success and has reported that he has driven back Chang Tsung-chang to Hsichow fu in north-west Kiangsu, after capturing Pengpu in Athwei, an important junction of the Tien-Pukow Railway, about a hundred miles north-west of Nanking.

The Nationalists also assert that they have captured Yangchow opposite Chinkiang from Sun Chuan-fang. Reuter.

### Sir Miles Lampson.

### Shanghai, May 24.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, had a lengthy conference with Admiral Tyrwhitt and Mr. Newton from Hankow.

### HOTEL RESIDENT ROBBED.

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[After leaving Suez on Tuesday of last week, fire broke out in the hold of the outward bound China mail steamer "Kalyan," which arrived at Port Soudan on May 21. A later message said: The "Kalyan" is discharging her cargo from No. 3 hold. A small fire in the galleries has been discovered.]

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 13

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MIRZAFORTE	6,715	16th June	Marsailles & London
MANTUA	10,916	25th June	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
MEDONIA	11,129	23rd July	Marsailles & London
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## AMERICAN SHIPPING.

## PLACING FLEET ON A FIRM FOOTING.

## FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM.

Solution of the United States shipping problem will be attained only when the people interested in shipping exert themselves to see that the men who are seeking election to Congress give definite pledges to aid in the development of a U.S. merchant marine. Mr. A. F. Mack, president of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, said in an address before the members of the Jersey Marine Club, state New York advices.

The fundamental problem in shipping at present, Mr. Mack said, is to find sufficient business for their existing fleets. Leaving American tonnage out of the computation, he said, there are as many or more ships in commission as before the war, while the amount of business shows only a slight increase. Consequently, there are too many ships for the amount of cargo available.

Referring to the suggestion of enthusiastic advocates of the U.S. merchant marine, that they should carry all of their foreign commerce in American bottoms, Mr. Mack said this is too much to expect. Foreign flag ships, he said, deserve considerable credit for the development of their foreign trade.

## Foreigners Will Stay.

"We must not expect to drive foreign flag shipping entirely out of American foreign trade," he said. "Foreign lines are going to remain in the shipping business. The ocean is open to everybody. But the U.S. merchant marine must and will remain in the shipping business. We should be in a position to carry 50 per cent. of our own commerce. That would be a fair division."

The United States, Mr. Mack added, must prepare for greater difficulties in expanding its foreign trade, because Europe is gradually developing its own industries. France, he pointed out, is preparing to increase the number of dutiable articles from about 200 to about 1,700.

Returning to the shipping problem, Mr. Mack said efforts to arrive at an agreement for reduction or division of tonnage to relieve the depression could not succeed while the Government is engaged in shipping, because no agent of the Government can make a contract for a period longer than one year. He mentioned the recent attempt in Congress to cancel the appropriation for payments on ocean mail contracts. To discontinue these ocean mail allowances, he said, would be a heavy blow to the men who had purchased Shipping Board lines.

## Subsidy Needed.

Mr. Mack expressed the belief that a subsidy in some form will be necessary to put the merchant marine on a firm footing. The present trouble in China, he said, may prove to be very serious, but it may have the effect of stimulating purchases of Shipping Board tonnage. In three or four years, he added, it may be very difficult to find buyers for these vessels as many will then be going into their fourth or fifth surveys. Another thing to bear in mind, he said, is that in view of their hurried construction it can hardly be expected that they will have the average life of twenty years, which is counted upon for vessels built under proper conditions.

As to the construction of new ships, he said, there is no indication of the construction of other than passenger vessels. The trans-Atlantic cargo trade, he went on, is rapidly drifting towards combination passenger and freight ships with a speed of 14 to 15 knots. The foreign lines are recognising this condition and increasing their fleets by building speedy combination ships, while the U.S. are trying to hold their own with slow freighters.

The Dieselisation plan of the Shipping Board, he said, is all right so far as it goes, but it could not be carried on by any private owner at an average outlay of about \$800,000 dollars per ship, particularly in view of the fact that the vessels will average only about 11½ knots, as against a speed of 14 to 15 knots for freighters built abroad.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Kobe" are reminded that goods will be subject to rent from tomorrow.

Consignees of cargo arriving by the s.s. "Afrika" will be subject to rent after May 26.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Penlondom" are reminded to take delivery of their goods before May 27.

At Melbourne message states that the second volume of Sir George Buchanan's report trenchantly criticises Australia's ports and harbours, and recommends that the efficiency of ports shall be increased by the installation of better mechanical apparatus.

## GREEK SHIP SUBSIDIES.

According to a report from Athens the Council of the Merchant Marine has passed and sent to the Cabinet for signature a Decree supplementing the regulations already in force under which a subsidy is granted to new passenger steamers. The principal clauses of the new Decree are as follows:-

Passenger steamers less than ten years of age, measuring more than 1,000 tons, and regularly engaged on one of the lines (1) Piraeus - Salonika - Constantinople-Marseille, or (2) Piraeus-Corfu - Brindisi - Alexandria, are entitled to a pecuniary subvention determined by the State as follows:-

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(b) For vessels of more than five years, half of the amounts mentioned above.

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## SCOTTISH SHIPBUILDING.

Of the twenty vessels of 32,265 tons launched in Scotland during March, 11 of 30,915 tons were built on the Clyde, seven of 820 tons on the Forth, one of 500 tons at Dundee, and one of 20 tons at Fraserburgh. The Clyde total for the quarter consisted of twenty-six vessels of 44,182 tons, as compared with thirty-nine vessels of 84,390 tons in the first quarter of last year and sixty-two vessels of 149,841 tons in the best corresponding period on record—that of 1921. There were, therefore, decreases of thirteen vessels and 40,258 tons as compared with last year, and thirty-six vessels of 105,709 tons as compared with the highest figures for the period on the river.

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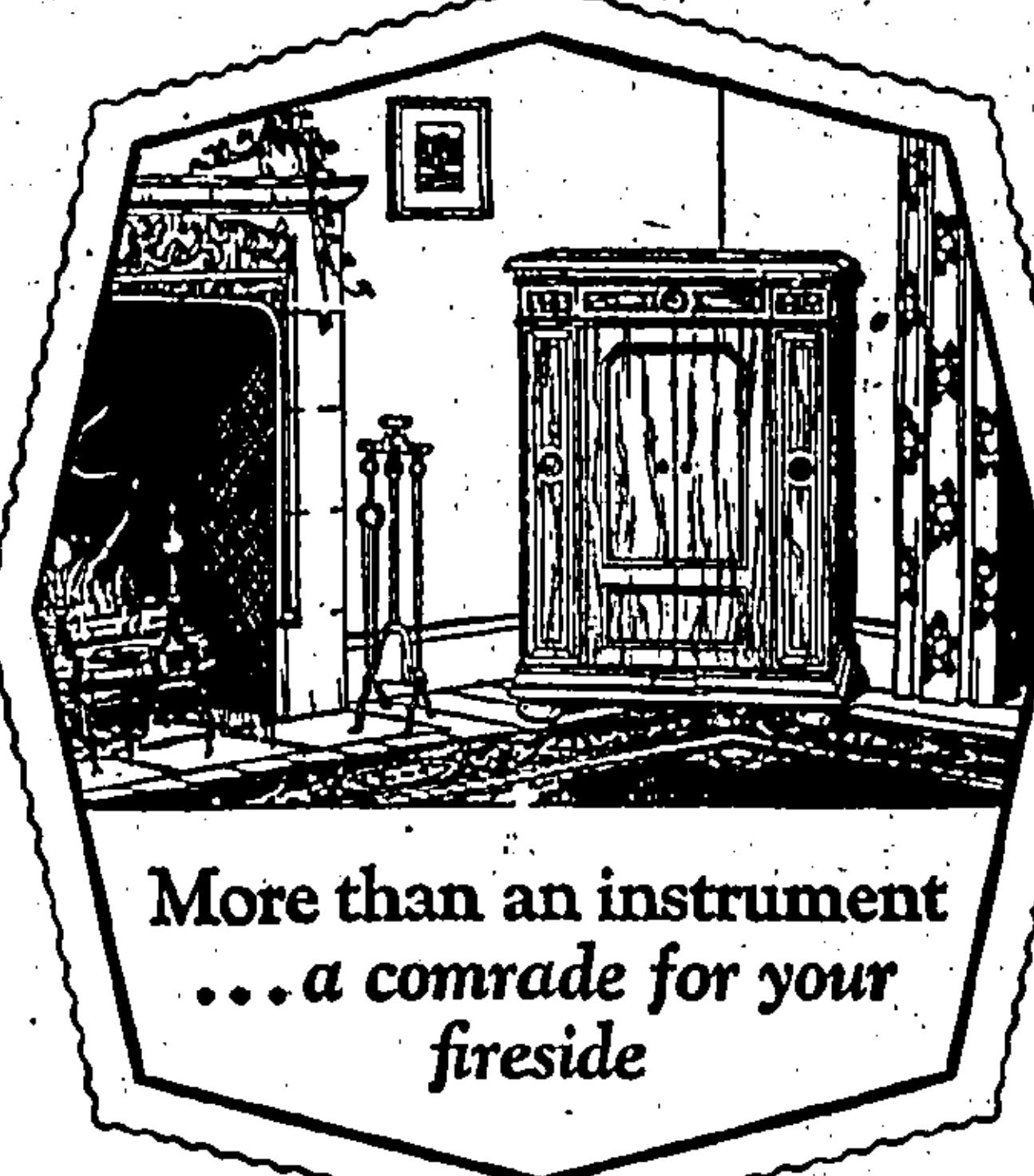
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MARRIAGE.

HOWELLS-KING.—On May 18, 1927, at Shanghai, William Howells, of Pontnewydd, Mon, England, to Madeline King, Croydon, Surrey, England.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, May 24, 1927.

WHEN WE ALL FLY.

The world is still ringing with the praises of Captain Lindbergh. Although not the first to fly across the Atlantic in an aeroplane—that honour fell to Sir John Alcock and Sir David Brown in 1919—the gallant American airman is the first to achieve the feat single-handed. Consequently his name will go down in history as one of the great pioneers of his age. Even when crossing the Atlantic has become as common as crossing the English Channel, his lone flight will be remembered as a personal exploit made all the more dazzling by the sombre mystery surrounding the fate of Captain Nungesser and his companion, evidence in itself of the extreme risks of flying the Atlantic at the present stage in the progress of aviation. Besides stirring the imagination of the world, however, Captain Lindbergh's flight has a further claim to praise, for it has set a new standard in the practical value of the aeroplane. Until Captain Lindbergh landed at Paris, the record for long distance non-stop flight was the 3,845 miles covered by two French aviators in a flight from Paris to Java. This record was broken by the two British airmen attempting to fly from London to Calcutta,

their distance being 3,400 miles when they were compelled to descend into the Persian Gulf. Captain Lindbergh's arrival at Paris an hour after the British airmen had come to grief placed the record at the new figure of 3,600 miles. When a lone aviator can cover a distance like that in the face of all the perils of the Atlantic—there were times when Captain Lindbergh was skimming the waves and times when he was soaring 10,000 feet high to dodge the clouds—the aeroplane has obviously arrived at a new stage of usefulness, a stage when the elaborate preparations necessary for the American flight round the world, and the British bid for the same honour, are no longer needed. The aeroplane, in short, has come into its own, and the day has been brought appreciably nearer when the most distant spot can be reached within a few hours, when the ends of the earth will be no further away, in effect, than the next county was a hundred years ago. What this will mean to the British Empire alone needs no emphasising, least of all in a distant outpost like Hong Kong.

Empire Day.

Queen Victoria's Birthday on May 24 may not be honoured in the way as was the case when she swayed her gracious sceptre over the Empire upon which the sun never sets. That in itself, however, is no good reason for not still remembering all that the reign of "Victoria the Good" meant both to the Mother Country and the ever-increasing Possessions across the seas. Critics and historians are at one in regard to the benevolent influence of her rule both at Home and abroad—an influence that could but exercise a great effect on the subsequent reign of King Edward and King George. For all this the Empire to-day is the better, the stronger, and the more united—a great family with but few jars and these insignificant—to distract that serenity that makes for genuine brotherhood. The ripeness of that sentiment that helps to bind the Empire ever closer is felt as much in Hong Kong as in the most isolated outpost of Empire. It is in no mere vainglorious spirit that we are proud to be Britons—proud of helping in our own small way to uphold the traditions handed down to us by the gracious Queen who was born on this day. Of us in many ways, too, are the lessons of Empire Day—the change in nomenclature that followed on the death of Queen Victoria—and that these lessons are brought home to each and all of us on this one day of the

year is a debt that we owe to the genius of the veteran Earl of Meath, who well earns his niche as the greatest Missionary of Empire of modern days. The celebration of Empire Day has survived the grueling days of war; it has lingered during the comfortable days of peace; and so long as it invariably breathes the true message of Empire, loyalty, and patriotism it is an observance that we would not omit from the calendar.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

ANOTHER STAR THEATRE SUCCESS.

"ABIE'S IRISH ROSE."

Another crowded house greeted the Wilbur Players at the Star Theatre last evening when they presented that most successful comedy of Jewish and Irish life, "Abie's Irish Rose." This play has been running for a few years in New York and London with admission prices mounting up to twelve dollars per seat. The Star Theatre is to be congratulated on the reasonable charge made for admission and certainly the Wilbur Players excelled themselves in the portrayal. The story centres around a young Jewish boy and an Irish Catholic girl with whom he is in love. In spite of parental opposition the couple became linked, not only in the Methodist Church but also in the Jewish and Catholic Faiths. Truly, no knot was more securely tied. The arrival of twins a year later reconciles both of the grandparents and everything ends very happily. The entire show is full of clean wit and humour and will appeal to everyone. The play will be repeated again this evening, and it can be recommended to those who have not already had the opportunity of seeing it.

WOMAN'S DEATH INQUIRY.

Major C. Willson and a jury held an inquest yesterday afternoon into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese woman who was found dead in a hut at Aberdeen on April 18.

The medical testimony of Dr. Canon was to the effect that deceased's face was ashy pale and the expression peaceful. Decomposition had set in around the head and neck and in a manner which only occurs in petrifaction in water and in hanging.

Death was due to drowning as a primary cause and asphyxia as a secondary cause.

According to the deceased's husband he was informed of his wife's death while at work at Castle Peak, which had kept him from home for about two weeks. He found her dead in bed with her clothes quite dry. Foul play was not suspected.

The jury's verdict was that death was due to drowning through misadventure.

OFFICERS SUMMONED.

Summoned for failing to have headlights on their motor cycles in Nathan Road on May 10, Lieuts. Beard and Munro of the R.A.F. failed to appear in Mr. W. Schofield's Court at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Smith said he had received information that the officers who were stationed on the Kai Tak reclamation were on duty and could not get away to attend Court. A week's adjournment was given.

FOUL PLAY ON A BOAT.

Leaving her boat in charge of her daughter alongside the Ping On wharf last night a boat-woman went ashore. When she returned the boat was missing. After inquiry she recovered both with the daughter had disappeared together with jewellery and other property worth \$187. Some blood stains and matted hair were found about the boat which lead to the suspicion of foul play.

The police are investigating the matter but no arrests have yet been made.

"WITCH DOCTOR" JAILED.

The Chinese "witch doctor" who was charged with larceny by a trick of \$290 worth of jewellery the property of a Chinese widow who had consulted him about her eyes and was induced by the accused to part with her valuables on the promise that they would be increased four-fold, was convicted at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mr. W. Schofield passed sentence of three months' jail.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE UNWELL.

Washington, May 16.—President Coolidge was forced to go to bed to-day with a cold in his chest. His physician said the cold was slight but that he had suggested the President spend a day in bed.

SIR R. HORNE.

A Creature Called Borodin.

THE BOLSHEVIST MENACE.

The National Union of Manufacturers, at their monthly luncheon on April 7, entertained Sir Robert Horne, M.P., who, in an address, referred to the difficulties confronting British trade and dealt with the Chinese problem and the Trades Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

Sir Robert Horne said the chief difficulty with which we were confronted in China was an attack on our trade. If we were dealing only with the Chinese the matter might be troublesome, but certainly the difficulties would not be insurmountable, but it was not with the Chinese only we were dealing; the real force behind all this trouble so far as it concerned us was in Bolshevik force from Moscow.

The determination of those people was to work for the disruption of the British Empire, because they recognised that we were the greatest obstacle that stood in the way of what they were pleased to call the world revolution.

Accordingly, they made their attack on us at any part of

the world where they thought they could do us injury. They had done it now for several years in the North of India; they had made similar attempts in Persia,

but up to now with little success.

They had long recognised that China afforded them an opportunity of attacking Britain in the shape of her trade, and they had chosen this occasion to make one of the most insidious assault on us we had ever had to meet.

The man who controlled the situation so far as we were concerned was a creature called Borodin. The menace was one which, if we wished our trade in China to survive, we were bound to conquer (Cheers.) There was nobody who could speak for China to-day. Were we to negotiate at this moment with Mr. Chen, who had shown himself incapable of carrying out the pledges to which he affixed his signature a few weeks ago with regard to Hankow? For this part, he would absolutely refuse to enter into negotiations with the Cantonese forces and Mr. Chen until the stipulations Mr. Chen made with regard to Hankow were implemented. (Cheers.)

With regard to safeguarding of industries, he pointed out that British factors were under a very great handicap in relation to their competitors in other parts of the world. The regulations with regard to the process of obtaining a safeguarding Order were much too complicated and ought to be made very much easier so that industry might profit.

One industry which required consideration and which had been refused the protection of safe-guarding legislation was the woollen industry. It was a case almost poignant in its circumstances. Our pre-eminence in the woollen industry was completely unchallenged a few years ago.

For the last few years something like 35 per cent. of the woollen plant was out of commission for lack of orders.

Something like the same percentage of people who were in the trade were unemployed. There had been a most startling increase in the quantity of woollen goods imported from France. It was madness in a practical country that we should submit to such conditions and allow the existence of a great industry to be menaced by conditions which, if they were practical men, they could easily control. (Cheers.)

Referring to the Trades Disputes Bill, he said he looked at the whole of the question of trade union legislation from the point of view of a man who agreed with trade unions. Rightly or wrongly, we produced trade unions in Britain by the very terms we adopted in earlier times. He looked at the new Bill not only with no prejudice against trade unions, but with a strong bias in favour of their existence, so long as they performed their legitimate functions.

Referring to the fact that Liberal legislation had enabled trade unions to indulge in political activities, he said he thought that was the wrong turning in legislation and the Liberal Party owed its miserable condition to-day to the fact that they passed such legislation.

The Trades Disputes Bill contained nothing to which any recognised man could object.

Everyone recognised that the general strike was a menace to the community, and ought not to be allowed.

A man ought not to be intimidated if he wanted to work.

Why should the people who proclaimed the right to work also proclaim denial of the right to work to people who disagreed

MISS VIOLET CAPELL.

"Dancing Sick People to Health."

VISCT. KNUTSFORD'S THANKS.

Miss Violet Capell, the well known local teacher of dancing, has received the following letter from Viscount Knutsford in regard to the remittance she sent from the proceeds of her Dancing displays which took place at the City Hall last February:

Dear Miss Capell,

You really are a very wonderful lady, and my gratitude to you grows with every letter you send me. However am I to thank you? The help you send me is really becoming a notable feature at "The London," and you and all your pupils can feel most truly that you are dancing sick people back to health. I feel, too, that this last gift is really more wonderful than any of the others because of the terribly disturbed state in China, which I am sure must be affecting you all very much.

Nero may have fiddled while purely for his own pleasure, yet you all go dancing to help the betterment of people thousands of miles away. Really, it makes praise from me seem sadly thin, but please forgive that. My gratitude is infinitely stronger than any words I can say.

Thank you so much for the photo and other enclosures. They make you all so much more alive to us here.

Yours very truly,

KNUTSFORD.

London Hospital, April 20.

FOUR YEARS.

FORGERY SENTENCE ON INDIAN.

THE PRISONER'S TEARS.

J. M. Kailley, an Indian, was found guilty by the jury yesterday of forging a cheque and letter asking for payment of \$29 10s., in the name of Mr. E. R. Dovey in whose employment he was at the time in the Government Analyst's Department.

Prisoner pleaded that he was in debt to the extent of over \$800 and had no money for food or lodgings. He appealed for leniency.

His Lordship commented on the seriousness of the case and said that forgery was a crime which it was very difficult for society to rid itself of. He was satisfied that prisoner knew what he was doing but why he went to the police station after having got the money. His Lordship did not know. If prisoner had successfully got away with the money a heavier sentence would have been passed.

Prisoner was sentenced to two years' hard labour on the charge of larceny and four years on the charge of forgery. The sentences to run concurrently. Prisoner burst into tears and addressed His Lordship incoherently as he was led

## EMPIRE DAY.

**Impressive Hong Kong Services.**

## THE "3-LEGGED STOOL."

Although business continued as usual in the Colony to-day, the object of Empire Day was fulfilled in that the students of local schools attended in hundreds the services held at two of the Cathedrals at which the ideals of service and brotherhood were stressed.

Ships were "dressed" in harbour and Government departments were closed.

The service at St. John's Cathedral was inspiring and in keeping with the spirit of the day. There was a large attendance, the Cathedral being filled.

Lady Clementi attended the service, together with Mrs. Southorn and the local Girl Guides and "Rangers," a Chinese troop from St. Paul's Girls' College being amongst them.

Among others present were the Director of Education, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, the Rev. E. W. L. Martin (of St. Stephen's College), the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. E. G. Stewart, Mr. W. Jackson, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Stublings, Miss Sawyer, Miss F. G. Woo, Miss Cotton, Mr. R. Shim, Mr. Wong and other Heads and teachers from the various schools represented.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford (C.F.) read the lesson at the service, a special form of which had been prepared for the occasion. The Rev. W. R. Cannell read the prayers and the Rev. H. Copley Moyle gave the blessing.

An address was given by the Rev. Hyde Gosselin, R.N., of H.M.S. "Frobisher."

The following schools were represented by teachers and scholars: School for Indians, Diocesan Girls', Quarry Bay, Gap Road, Peak; Ellis Kadouriz, Garrison, Bellona, St. Stephen's Girls' and St. Stephen's Boys'; St. Paul's Girls' and St. Paul's Boys', Kowloon Junior and Central British, Victoria British, Queen's, Ying Wah, Wan Chai and Yau Ma Tei.

A "Great Family Party."

The Rev. H. Gosselin, R.N., in the course of his address, reminded the children that they were part of a great Family party meeting wherever the Union Jack flew and it was a solemn thought for all that it was these children who would soon be in supreme control of that Family Party.

The preacher suggested three thoughts which he compared to a three-legged stool, viz. (1) God, No Family Party could live happily with God left out. (2) Work. Through work a man could express himself. Every man had a right to work and it was a sad reflection of the disturbed age that there were boys in London and elsewhere seeking work in vain.

The third thought he suggested was Brotherhood which was the "cotton" on which the beads were strung. If the cotton was cut, then the beads were scattered. If it remained intact, the beads also remained intact and he suggested that so it was with Brotherhood and the relations between nations. It was Brotherhood which kept the Family Party happy and united as it should be.

In conclusion, the preacher said that it was for the children to see when they took charge that the three-legged stool was properly balanced in order that the Empire should remain united, happy and useful.

The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and the Blessing, other hymns sung being the Processional, "Brightly Gleams Our Banner," "Land of Our Birth," "O God, Our Help" and "God of Our Fathers."

## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Empire Day Essay Competition.

The "China Mail" is informed that the prize the best "Empire Day Essay," open to students of St. Joseph's College (Matriculation class) has been awarded to Edgar Matthias. The subject chosen this year was "The British Navy."

The successful candidate—whose father is an official at the Hong Kong Dockyard—is shortly leaving the Colony, his father having been transferred to Chatham.

Paul Braga, a son of Mr. J. P. Braga, J.P., was second in the competition.

At the R. C. Cathedral.

His Lordship Bishop Henry Valtorta officiated at the Empire Day Service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning, assisted by the Clergy and students of the Cathedral Seminary. The Cathedral Choir was in attendance under the direction of Rev. Father Rignani at the organ.

Students of the following schools were present:

Garrison School of Hong Kong, St. Joseph's English College, Italian Convent, St. Francis School (Wanchai), St. Mary's School (Kowloon); Students of the Cathedral Seminary, St. Louis' Industrial School (West Point), Aberdeen Chinese School, Shaukiwan Chinese School, Kai Tak Chinese School (Wanchai), Tak Ying School (Wanchai), Wa Yan English School (Robinson Road), Sacred Heart School (Yau Ma Tei),

## HEAVY RAINS.

## OLD ONE-STORY HOUSE COLLAPSES.

## THOROUGHFARES BLOCKED.

As the result of the heavy rains during the week-end a landslide occurred on the new road connecting Robinson and Conduit Roads yesterday, blocking a stretch of about 100 yards with earth and stones.

An old one-storey house on Conduit Road, behind No. 63 Robinson Road, used as a garage collapsed last night, doing considerable damage to an expensive motor car. The bit of Conduit Road at this spot was completely blocked rendering it impassable to motor traffic. Gangs of coolies were busy removing the obstruction this morning.

Other minor falls of earth have occurred at Pokfulum and Jubilee Roads. At Sassoon Road a large quantity of earth fell from the hillside behind a row of houses filling the scavenging lane up to the first floor windows. No damage was done to the house.

No one was injured by any of the slides which have occurred.

## KIDNAPPING.

## PRISONERS SENTENCED AT SESSIONS.

## MURDER TRIAL ECHO.

Three Chinese were found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon of kidnapping a Chinese boy whose parents were in Macao and who had come to Hong Kong in the charge of one of his father's concubines, the alleged murderer of whom formed the subject of other proceedings.

According to the evidence, the concubine and the boy had lived at a house where there were also two of the prisoners. After the disappearance of the woman in whose charge he was, the first prisoner made him call her mother, he was ill-treated and his clothes taken from him.

The jury having found two of the prisoners guilty, His Lordship sentenced the first prisoner, who was alleged to have taken the lead in the offence, to five years' hard labour and the other convicted prisoner to three years' hard labour.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall, Sterling, South Wall, Wiven; East Wall, Subs. L15 and L19; West Wall, Titania and Subs. L2 and L3; Tai Foo Dock; Aphis; Kowloon Dock, Hermae and Ladybird; Coalings Camber, L9; Buoy 2, Woolston and Wolsley; Buoy 3, Dragon; Buoy 6, Frobsher; Buoy 7, Delhi; Buoy 8, Danae; Buoy 10, Somme and Sopoy; Buoy 11, Thracian; Buoy 12, Bruce; Buoy 13, Marazion; Buoy 18, Ruthenia and Kharki; Buoy 19, Verity; Buoy 20, Fortal; Buoy 26, Francol; Buoy 2A, H.S. Maine; Foreign Men-O'-War in port.—French "Argus."

## POLICE COURT HOLIDAY.

In accordance with the notification published in the last issue of the "Government Gazette" the Magistrates' Courts were closed to-day. This is the first year that a holiday has been observed at the Magistracy in commemoration of Empire Day. The Police Headquarters is carrying on as usual.

## FANLING ROBBERY.

Yesterday a thief entered Room No. 6 at the ladies' Clubhouse, Fanling, occupied by Mrs. Diehard and stole \$3.70 in money and blankets worth \$135 from a locked cupboard which was forced open.

## ROBBERY ON STEAMER.

Five hundred dollars in bank notes were reported by the Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Clara Jebsen" to have been stolen from his cabin between 1 and 4 p.m. yesterday.

Holy Spirit School (Robinson Road) and several other Chinese Schools in Hung Hom, Yau Ma Tei, and Sham Shui Po.

The following was the order of service:—

"Preghiera a Maria" (Pupil of the Italian Convent). "Spat nostra, salve!" (Choir of the Seminary).

Rev. Father McGuinness, Chaplain to the Forces, addressed the children on Empire Day, which was being celebrated this day in every part of the world where the Union Jack is flown. The address drove home to the children the meaning of patriotism which next to religion was the greatest human quality.

"O Salutaris" (Cathedral Choir).

"Tantum Ergo" (Cathedral Choir).

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by the Bishop.

"Adoramus" (Cathedral Choir).

"God Save the King" (The Congregation).

The singing of the girls of Italian Convent and the Cathedral and Seminary Choirs was the principal feature of the service.

## WORLD PEACE.

## ECONOMIC CONFERENCE'S WORK.

## INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE.

Geneva, May 23. The plenary sitting of the International Economic Conference unanimously passed the British delegation's resolution recognizing that the maintenance of world peace largely depends on the principles of the economic policies which the nations framed and executed, and recommending continuous attention by governments to this aspect.

A resolution of Professor Cassel (Sweden) was also passed unanimously in favour of development of closer international co-operation by scientific and educational institutions, also by the help of the Press and similar information agencies.—Reuter.

[Mr. Arthur Pugh is General Secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and the British Iron, Steel and Kindred Trades Association. He was Chairman of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress in 1926. Professor Cassel is a famous Swedish economist.]

Delegates Cheer.

Geneva, May 23. The economic conference closed with a lengthy statement by the President, M. Theunis (Belgium) who expressed the opinion that the resolutions adopted would have a profound influence on the future economic policy of the world. M. Theunis' speech was received with loud and prolonged cheer, all the delegates rising in their seats.

Previously a compromiser was reached with regard to the difficulty of respect of the composition of the future economic organisation which will continue the work of the conference arising out of a demand for labour representation in the organisation.

The Soviet delegate, M. Varga, supporting Mr. Pugh's resolution mentioned earlier, said that the Soviet delegates considered that careful study of the problem of economic relations between the different countries and the Soviet and the establishment of a principle of the co-existence of two economic systems should be of the highest significance to the general economic situation.—Reuter.

Earlier Message.

Geneva, May 23.

Although the rupture in the Economic Conference seemed inevitable in consequence of the Russian delegates' attitude the Co-ordination Committee including British and United States members stuck to their guns and the Russians gave way.

The Russian delegates are receiving congratulations for the spirit of conciliation which is believed to have actuated them. As a result of the frequent consultations the Russians have been having with the American delegates in reference to the subject of obtaining credits.

On this account the Russians have abandoned their hitherto uncompromising attitude.

Chuan Chao, representing China, in the course of yesterday's debate expressed satisfaction at the adoption of the principle of commercial equality and reciprocity and assured the Conference of China's co-operation in carrying it out. He assumed that the Conference tacitly approved the Chinese claim to possess reasonable revenue tariffs. He voted for the reports before the Conference without prejudice to China's claims for the abolition of extraterritorial consular jurisdiction, the history of the great breakaway of the Nottinghamshire miners, which hastened the end of the coal strike.

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GERMAN FARMS.

## A CHANCE TO SHOW GOOD FEELING.

London, May 23.

The British, French and American Ambassadors have made friendly representations to Germany concerning the Eastern fortifications which she undertook to destroy. Since the withdrawal of the Inter-

Allied Commission of Control she

has declined to allow the Allied military experts to visit the sites to verify the destruction. Her action in this respect is the subject of adverse comment in the French Press, and Britain has adopted the attitude that Germany would be well-advised to show good-feeling and invite the experts to witness what has been done.—Reuter.

FAMOUS PAINTING.

## TO BE PRESENTED TO THE NATION.

London, May 2.

The "Daily Mail" has purchased the picture "Morning" by Mrs. Dod Proctor, which many critics acclaimed as the picture of the year at the Royal Academy, and intends to lend it to provincial galleries after the Academy Exhibition, and then to present it to the Nation.

The picture represents a sleeping, half-clad woman reclining on a bed.

## JOANNA SOUTHcott.

## BOX TO BE OPENED IN ENGLAND.

## WHAT THE X-RAYS REVEALED.

London, May 5. If mediums, X-rays, and locksmiths do not meet with supernatural resistance, the mysterious century-old contents of Joanna Southcott's box shortly will be revealed to the world.

The possessor of the box, who is leaving England, has handed the box to the National Laboratory of Psychological Research, the Director of which has decided to unravel the mystery.

Nine mediums have endeavoured to "psychometrise" the contents, but with little success.

X-rayed to-day revealed a heavy pistol, sponge, earings, coins, and a roll of manuscripts.

The presence of the horse pistol is curious, as a couple of mediums sensed signs of war."

The box will be opened in a few weeks' time.

The President of the movement for opening the box declares that the one X-rayed was not the real Southcott box, which is to be opened only in the presence of 24 Bishops, and that the real box weighs 165 lbs., while the X-rayed one weighs only 11 lbs.

[Joanna Southcott was born at Gittisham, Devonshire, in 1760. She was for a considerable time a domestic servant. Originally a Methodist, in 1792 she became persuaded that she possessed supernatural gifts, wrote and dictated prophecies in rhyme, and then publicly declared herself to be the woman spoken of in Revelations XII. Coming to London at the request of William Sharp, the engraver, she began to "sell" the £44,000 elect at a charge varying from 12s. to a guinea each. When over 60 years of age she affirmed that she would be delivered of Shiloh on October 19, 1814. Shiloh failed to appear, and Joanna died of brain disease on the 29th of the same month. Her followers are said to have numbered over 100,000 and only became extinct at the end of the 19th Century. Joanna Southcott published 60 books, weirdly incoherent in thought and Grammar, dealing with her so-called prophecies. A lady named Essam left large sums of money for printing and publishing the "Sacred Writings of Joanna Southcott." Her will was disputed by a note on the ground that the writings were blasphemous, but the Chancery Court sustained it. Prior to her death Joanna Southcott left a heavy wooden casket which she declared contained secrets of the future of the world. She specified that the casket could only be opened in the presence of the Prime Minister and 24 Bishops.]

Miss Oldham, in this instance, was doing something outside the usual game. She was giving a demonstration, and swung a club without warning.

[A London Message dated May 2, stated:—"Hobbs might hit the ball over the ropes, and hit the head of a spectator, but the spectator must get out of the way."]

Remarkable counsel in a King's Bench action, in which Mr. Justice Swift awarded £160 damages to Miss Cleghorn, who sued her friend, Miss Oldham, alleging that Miss Oldham was teaching Miss Cleghorn's brother, and plaintiff was acting as caddie. Mr. Justice Swift said that one took the risk of accidents, but that did not mean that a person was going to take the risks of what an unreasonable golfer might do, such as swinging a club at a crowded tee.]

SECRET HISTORY.

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### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Two cases of enteric fever, both Chinese, were notified in the Kowloon district yesterday.

Tenders are being invited for the purchase of the wreck of the fore part of the s.s. "Tjileboet" as it now lies at Ling Ting Island.

The Victorian Scottish Union at Melbourne, Australia, approved the pilgrimage of 400 Scots next April on a migration drive in Great Britain. Each Victorian Scot will endeavour to find a position in Australia for one more Scottish migrant.

Hong Kong estate to the value of \$754,700 was left by Leung Katsheung, a Chinese who died in Macao and probate of whose will has been granted to his fourth concubine, Leung Ho-shi and a friend, Ip Loo-shiu. Decades bequeathed large sums to sacrificial funds for his deceased father and grandfather and made other bequests to his family.

Speaking at Epsom, Sir Rowland Blades, the Lord Mayor, of London, who is also M.P. for Epsom, confessed that he had been severely taken to task for casting doubts on the authenticity of Dick Whittington's cat. In destroying the legend he had been accused of acting as a depreciator of the whole feline race. Indignant defenders had stated that the cat was so lively and intellectual a creature that she was the first animal to enter the Ark. But, while appreciating the cat, he felt that the City preferred truth above all things, and the fact was that Dick Whittington's cat was a legend imported from Austria 200 years after Dick Whittington's death.

In accordance with the expressed wish of a Cincinnati man, his body was cremated and the ashes scattered from the top of a local skyscraper. I do not know how they feel about such things in Cincinnati, but I should much dislike to walk through streets on which the ashes of departed citizens fall like a gentle rain from the twenty-fourth storey (says a "Morning Post" writer). I can quite understand people desiring to have their ashes scattered in preference to being buried in a tomb, which sooner or later almost bound to fall into neglect, and I confess that I see To be dispersed in such a way as to make a final appearance as a public nuisance is another matter. One can only suppose that the Cincinnati man loved his city so well that he desired to blend with it at the last.

In attempting to steal telephone wire from the communication line on Mount Cameron Road, a Chinese, said to be a discharged employee of the Telephone Company, was electrocuted yesterday.

When the s.s. "Morea" sails for Europe on Saturday she will take with her two old hanzi of the Hong Kong Police Force which are going Home on retirement, namely, Inspector Moss and Sub-Inspector Evans. Inspector Moss intends to settle in the Old Country, while Sub-Inspector Evans is paying a last visit Home prior to retiring to Australia.



Mr. Montagu C. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England.

The sailing ship has been threatened with extinction for 100 years as the following extract from the "Liverpool Mercury" of December 29, 1826, shows:—"Petition against Steam Navigation.—A numerous meeting of the merchants, shipowners, shipmasters, and others interested in shipping, was held on the 14th instant, at the Red Lion, on the Quay in the town of Swansea, when a petition, previously prepared, praying for the interference of Parliament to devise and adopt some means to protect sailing vessels against the further increase of steam vessels for the conveyance of goods, was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be presented to the House of Commons through the medium of Sir G. Cole, K.C.B., member for the county."

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A cable from Colombo states that Sir Hugh Clifford has recovered from an attack of influenza.

The King and Queen have visited the Playhouse and seen Mr. W. Somerset Maugham's play, "The Letter."

The Rev. Alfred Gill, who died suddenly at Dawlish, served his church for over 50 years without a day's illness. He was 80.

Miss Sarah Kirby, who for 23 years was matron of Clifton College, Bristol, has celebrated her 100th birthday at a Clapham nursing home. The King and Queen sent their congratulations, and Mr. J. H. Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons, who was under her care when at Clifton College, visited her and cut her birthday cake.

Among local officials proceeding on leave next week-end is Mr. J. D. Lloyd, superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, who is going Home by the P. & O. s.s. "Morea" on Saturday. His departure is being made at short notice, and it is understood that his post will be filled by Mr. G. R. Sayer from the Treasury Department. On the same vessel will be Mr. C. J. Roe, Auditor and Accountant to the Harbour Department, who will be away for ten months, accompanied by Mrs. Roe and family. During his absence, this post will be filled by Mr. Andrews, of the Audit Department.

A complimentary dinner was given to Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., at the Nam Tong Restaurant last night in honour of his recent knighthood, the function having been arranged by his many Chinese friends. The gathering numbered about 60, and the hosts included:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, (president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotawall, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. Lo Cheung-kwu, Mr. Ma Chih-chiu, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Ho Lu, Mr. Ho Lung, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Yang Tsui-ming, Mr. Mok Kwong-sang, Dr. S. W. Ho, Mr. H. K. Huang, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Wong Kam-took, Mr. Li Po-iwei, Mr. Li Hor-tang (Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital), Mr. Yip Lam-chuen, Mr. Wong Kwong-sing, Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. T. Y. Pei.

Dr. Alfred Robertson Fitchett, vicar of All Saints, Dunedin, New Zealand, since 1878, and Dean of Dunedin since 1894, is retiring.

Dame Ellen Terry, who recently broke a bone in her arm, is going on splendidly and plans to go to her home near Canterbury when she leaves the nursing home.



The Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mary, who is Governor-General of South Africa.

During the races at the Singapore Turf Club the opportunity was taken of making the presentation of a gold cigarette case on behalf of the club to Mr. G. R. K. Mugilston, who is leaving for Home. Mr. Mugilston was an official of the club for many years and filled the responsible roles of starter and judge, as well as member of committee, with much acceptance. In his younger days Mr. Mugilston used to ride as an amateur jockey, and he has also supported racing as an owner.

Among changes in the contemporary postage stamps of the British Colonies foreshadowed is the following:—Three cents Straits Settlements to become brown instead of green.

In a farewell message to Ceylon cricketers Sir Hugh Clifford, the new Governor of the Straits Settlements, emphasizes the importance of international tours and promises to arrange for a Malayan side to visit Ceylon when he has arrived in Malaya.

I was watching a pair of treecreepers working on the bote of a birch tree in my garden (says a "Morning Post" writer). They are delightful little birds with their delicate curved beaks, long clawed feet, and the strong tail with pointed feathers, which, pressed against the tree bark, acts as a sort of ratchet supporting the body. The tree creeper is one of our smallest birds and doubtless that is the reason why it stays with us all the year round. One can hardly imagine such a delicate and tiny creature engaging in a Channel-flying competition; but perhaps it is sheer patriotism that puts it outside the range of the "Come to Britain" movement. Hudson describes it very aptly as looking more like a mouse than a bird, as it runs up a tree; and perhaps the same thought struck a dog which captured a creeper at a farm I know, and brought in the poor, pathetic little body expecting no doubt to be highly praised for his prowess.

The stork, which is the favourite bird of the German peasantry, is dying out in Germany. In twenty years the number of occupied nests has decreased by approximately 70 per cent. (says the "Evening Standard"). This is regarded as a bad omen by the superstitious peasantry who think themselves twice blessed if a stork builds on their roof. Indeed, in many villages the peasants go to the length of putting a cartwheel on their chimney, in order to entice this harbinger of good times. The reason which German scientists advance for this decrease is very curious. In the winter the stork goes to South Africa, where his chief food is the locust. In recent years the South African farmers have been waging a highly-organized war on the locust. In this campaign arsenic plays a leading part, and it has been proved that whole colonies of storks have perished through eating arsenic-poisoned locusts.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## ON THE LINKS.

## OPENING DAY OF AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

## FIVE AMERICANS LOSE.

London, May 23.  
At Hoylake the opening day of the Amateur Golf Championship confirmed the opinion of the Cup in the absence of an organised overseas' challenge to return to Britain.

Five out of eight Americans were defeated, namely, Lawrence (Oakmont), W. Platt, (Whitemarsh), Hunt (River Oaks), Azbill (Essex County), and Richard (Engineers), but Brower Junior, Brook Liners, and Newton Crane entered the second round.

R. H. Wethered and C. J. H. Tolley won. The former is favourite.

The most notable defeats were those of Darwin and Robert Harris (champion in 1926).—Reuter.

## JOLLY FOR AMERICA.

London, May 23.  
Herbert Jolly, the Foxglove Club professional, replaces Abe Mitchell (who is suffering from indigestion) in the golf team leaving for America to-morrow.—Reuter.

## "Royal and Ancient" Meeting.

St. Andrews, May 4.  
R. Hutchinson and A. Thornton, with rounds of 78 and 79, won the Silver Cross and the Bombay Medal, respectively.—"Times of Ceylon."

## BAD SHOTS CRITICISED.

"The Times" correspondent writes:—  
At the last week-end I saw played some of the very worst shots that I have ever seen in the course of an ill-spent life—shots of the kind which count not merely two but good many more on a division; shots which might turn the fate of empires.

I do not wish to be in any way unfair. I made some of those shots myself, but I was very far from making all of them. There were sixteen of us indulging in a little private contest by foursomes spread over two joyful days. Some of us had been supposed at one time to be able to play golf; all of us had played something. Yet the most extraordinary things occurred. With my own eyes I saw a gallant colonel and a good golfer, with his ball lying well, a masher in his hand and the tiniest bunker in front of his nose, lift up his eye and his club simultaneously and drive the ball straight into the yielding slush. Quick hooks alternating with socketted mashie shots from a deservedly respected international player were matters of common form. As for balls stopped straight along the ground by eminent cricketers for a dozen yards or so, they ceased to arouse even a smile.

What was the cause of this deplorable state of things? I heard many suggested explanations of which decidedly the most original was that of my own partner. It is all over now and we won the match, and he was a very good and staunch partner (much better, I know, than I was); so I may tell what happened. Going to the 17th hole we were dormy two; our adversaries were still some way from the green in two; we had to play the like with a fair and open tract of country before us. Taking his spoon, with his habitual air of drowsy placidity, my partner hit the ball on the extreme heel of the club, so that it scurried vehemently to the left and wedged itself against a tree trunk surrounded by heather. Afterwards he explained that he thought he must have done it owing to over-confidence.

Other solutions hazarded were that we had played the first round in a downpour of rain and that this had depressed us; that owing to the Daylight-Saving Bill we had not gone to bed early enough, that we ought to have waited till late in the year when there would have been more sun in the ground. Only towards the end of the second day, there arose one bolder than the rest, like the little boy in Hans Andersen's story who declared that the Emperor had no clothes on at all. His explanation was frank and simple: he said we were all getting too old. We passed it off with gay laughter; but when the match was over, all the players were to be seen prying waggling wooden clubs, and it was clear what was in the mind of each. He was wondering whether some rejuvenating gland—or failing that a piece of lead—could not be let into the head, whereby the shaft should feel springier and more helpful, the club do more of the work and demand less of the man behind it. I said that we all went a-waggling in search of this elixir, but that was not quite

## BASEBALL.

## FIXTURES FOR NEW SEASON.

In view of the fact that the first New Zealand team ever to visit England will be starting on their journey to-morrow, via San Francisco, writes "The Gentleman in Black" in the "Athletic News" of March 28, it may be of interest to recall that as many as seven sides from England have played in the Dominion.

George Parr's team was the pioneer side in this respect, and, as one would naturally expect, they found the standard of play of a very low order.

E. M. Grace, who wrote a long description of the tour which has never been published, recorded:

"The Dunedin Cricket Club is on a deep swamp. A foot of heavy clay was placed upon the swampy surface, and the turf was placed upon the clay, and, considering

that it has only been made three months, it is very good. The ground is level, but, owing to the spongy swamp beneath, it literally trembles at every step."

Despite the primitive conditions, however, there was much enthusiasm, and the visit of the Englishmen was made the occasion of holding a "Grand Cricket Tournament," in which Otago, Canterbury, and Southland all took part.

Considering all the circumstances, the promoter of the scheme, one Shadrach Jones, an hotel-keeper, must have been a venturesome man, but it is pleasant to know that, although the expenses were quite £3,000, he was not a penny out of pocket.

It is, of course, impossible to say whether New Zealand will, or will not, ever be able to play Test matches against England and Australia with a prospect of success. There would seem to be no reason why the country's standard of play should not become sufficiently high for such a series of games to be inaugurated, for there is wonderful keenness nowadays for the game there.

This season's tour in England should result in still further improvement, especially as the team is essentially a young one, the average age being about 26.

Blunt has repeatedly proved himself an ideal man to go in first. Many will remember his innings of 174 for Canterbury against M.C.C. four years ago, when he and Worker made 203 before a wicket fell.

He is probably New Zealand's greatest present-day batsman, and it is evident that he has been enjoying a most successful season during the last few months.

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## WATER POLO.

A meeting of the Water Polo Section of the K.B.S.P.F.A. will be held at the Central British School to-morrow at 6 p.m. Two teams will be entered in the League this year providing sufficient support is given.

The Captain and Vice Captain of both teams will be elected at this meeting.

all; for there was one of our number, no younger than the rest, and greyer and older than some who can still drive the ball vast distances, and as to whom I still think, being loyal to the beliefs of my youth, that to see him settle down to that ball and hit it is the noblest spectacle that golf has to offer. He lost none of his matches though it must be added that his partner's handicap, though officially 14, worked out in some mysterious manner at two and twenty.

I talked of springy shafts with the rest, but not with any real faith. Indeed the sad part of the business seemed to me not that we were short but that we were crooked, and that, although we were all by our own account, and by training and tradition, excellent foursome players, we lacked the one real essential of foursome play, in that we did not hit the ball, even gently, in the middle of the club. It may or may not have been due to over-confidence, but there it was, and superficially it is beyond doubt a discouraging circumstance; but from another point of view it is almost encouraging. We may never again be able to hit the ball hard—if we ever could—but hang it all if we try hard we ought to be able to hit it straight. No one is too feeble that he need hit the ball on the socket, and the eye need not be sparkling in order to be kept on the ball. That being admitted, there is really no need to be unhappy, and it was a mere accident that we all happened to play it all at once. Next spring we will all play well; there will be no need for apologies; if only the sun will bake the ground for us in advance we may even think we have grown longer since last year.

"Avay with melincholy," as the little boy said when his school missus died.

## CRICKET.

## NEW ZEALANDERS' VISIT.

## A GOOD BATSMAN.

In view of the fact that the first New Zealand team ever to visit England will be starting on their journey to-morrow, via San Francisco, writes "The Gentleman in Black" in the "Athletic News" of March 28, it may be of interest to recall that as many as seven sides from England have played in the Dominion.

George Parr's team was the pioneer side in this respect, and, as one would naturally expect, they found the standard of play of a very low order.

E. M. Grace, who wrote a long description of the tour which has never been published, recorded:

"The Dunedin Cricket Club is on a deep swamp. A foot of heavy clay was placed upon the swampy surface, and the turf was placed upon the clay, and, considering

that it has only been made three months, it is very good. The ground is level, but, owing to the spongy swamp beneath, it literally trembles at every step."

Despite the primitive conditions, however, there was much enthusiasm, and the visit of the Englishmen was made the occasion of holding a "Grand Cricket Tournament," in which Otago, Canterbury, and Southland all took part.

Considering all the circumstances, the promoter of the scheme, one Shadrach Jones, an hotel-keeper, must have been a venturesome man, but it is pleasant to know that, although the expenses were quite £3,000, he was not a penny out of pocket.

It is, of course, impossible to say whether New Zealand will, or will not, ever be able to play Test matches against England and Australia with a prospect of success. There would seem to be no reason why the country's standard of play should not become sufficiently high for such a series of games to be inaugurated, for there is wonderful keenness nowadays for the game there.

This season's tour in England should result in still further improvement, especially as the team is essentially a young one, the average age being about 26.

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## LAWN TENNIS.

## INDIA'S WIN IN DAVIS CUP.

## ZAGREB, May 23.

In the Davis Cup competition, India has beaten Jugoslavia by winning three out of five matches. —Reuter.

## EXHIBITION MATCH.

## Now Fixed For To-morrow Afternoon.

The postponed exhibition match, Messrs. Ng Sze-kwong and T. Honda v. S. A. and H. D. Runjohn, will take place at the Hong Kong Cricket Club grounds to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

If the weather does not permit on that date the match will take place on either of the following days at the same locality and time.

## LADIES' TOURNAMENT.

## Recreation Club Win.

In the Ladies' Inter-Club Tournament between the Ladies' Recreation Club, the Peak Club and the United Services Recreation Club played yesterday on the courts of the first named Club, last year's holders, was again victorious. The tournament was for ladies having been removed, ten was taken. A meeting to celebrate the victory followed, and a North vs. South match ended a thoroughly enjoyable day.

That may be looking into a very distant future, but it is a fact that the sex war in bowls has begun.

## Never!

The English Bowls Association has frowned severely on the application of a women's club to be affiliated to the Sussex Bowling Association.

It does not, and will not, give official recognition to women bowlers.

Everywhere bowls clubs are following the lead of their ruling authority and firmly refusing admission to women.

Did not Alderman Reakes, at the meeting of the Wells Bowling Club, say bluntly that women were a nuisance on the green, and, moreover, that bowls was an immodest game for them?

"Rubbish!" says a Woman.

"That is absolute rubbish," said a woman member of the Key (Priority Park) B.C.

"I expect the truth is the men are getting jealous of the skill of such women bowlers as Mrs. Smurthwaite, who plays in club tournaments simply because she is so good that the men dare not keep her out. But the E.B.A. won't let her play in champion ship matches!"

"Or perhaps it is just sheer selfishness. So long as we make the tea for them on summer afternoons and decorate the edge of the green with our frocks that's all they seem to want of us!"

To The Last Green.

No matter. The men will not yield, even if they have to throw into a fighting fund the gold alberts that are such a feature of the landscape on summer evenings on the greens. Here are the grave words to-day of Mr. George R. Hill, hon. Secretary of the E.B.A.:

"There is undeniable reluctance on the part of bowlers to admit women to the greens. We have a membership of over 100,000 bowlers, covering scores of clubs, and I should say there is an almost unanimous opinion that women should not be admitted.

"We are continually receiving applications on this point; but we consistently turn down any proposal which would lead to women encroaching on the lawns."

## RACING.

## GOOD ENTRIES FOR MACAO.

## U.S.R.C.: Total 37.

Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Hunt: lost to Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Miles 5-6.

beat Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Lambert (U.S.R.C.) 9-2.

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Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Cook: lost to Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Miles 5-6.

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lost to Mrs. Grimble and Mrs. Lindsell 3-8.

beat Mrs. Hall and Miss Butcher 6-5.

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Mrs. Grimble and Mrs. Lindsell: lost to Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Cook 8-3.

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**RADIO TOPICS****SINGAPORE RADIO.****GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE.****TEMPORARY FINANCIAL AID?**

May 14.—Under the chairmanship of Mr. J. G. A. Sutherland, the annual general meeting of the Wireless Society of Malaya was held at the Society's room, Union Building, yesterday evening. There was a fair attendance of members.

The report of the Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cherry, with the accounts, was adopted. The report is as follows:

As will be seen from the attached statement, the Society received a revenue of \$2,685.43, which is a decrease of \$1,185.81 on the previous year's receipts.

For the year ending March 31, 1926, a balance of \$849.25, was carried forward to the year under review, but owing to the poor support given the Society by its members, this sum has been reduced to \$194.08.

There has been a slight decrease in the membership, which is now 145. New members are elected fairly regularly, but it is matter for regret that greater numbers cannot be induced to join.

It is undoubtedly, a larger proportion of "listeners-in" throughout Malaya who are not members of the Society, yet listen in regularly, and in fact have bought receiving sets for the express purpose of receiving our concerts.

Outside Assistance.

The Society is much indebted to the United Engineers, Ltd., as agents for the Marconi Company, for the loan of a 100 watt transmitter, which is doing excellent service, and also for the assistance of their staff, particularly Mr. Sutherland.

Concerts have been transmitted regularly on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, the Programmes Committee having always provided concerts of a very high order.

This Committee is indebted to a large number of ladies and gentlemen for their assistance, particularly to Messdames Dietz, Kinloch, McLeod, Scott and Turner, and also to Messrs. E. A. Brown, Roy Brown, Barnett, Haines, Osborne and Smith, whose numbers have been a feature of our programmes.

Special mention should be made of Mr. B. Barlow, convenor of the Programmes Committee, whose untiring efforts have made the programmes such a success.

The Transmission Committee under Mr. A. C. MacNab has done very valuable experimental work during the year under review, and the lack of funds prevents making permanent improvements in the transmissions.

A Record:

A certain number of reports are received but the committee is handicapped by the lack of regular reports from out-station members. Reports have been received from Java, Sumatra, Johore, Penang, and the F.M.S. The reception of concerts on the loud speaker in Christman Islands is perhaps a record for the power used.

Several members report the regular reception of Melbourne concerts, and occasionally Manila. In short wave working several members are experimenting, and one in particular has succeeded in maintaining two-way communication with most countries of the world.

The committees have to thank Mourier and Co., Ltd., for the loan of piano and gramophone and also the Robinson Piano Co., Ltd., for the loan on many occasions of excellent gramophone records and gramphones. To United Engineers, Ltd., we are indebted for keeping the batteries charged and the loan of various equipment.

The committee take this opportunity of thanking all who have given their services to make the work of the Society a success, and trust that the same wholehearted support will be accorded the new committee.

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The Chairman mentioned that they were also very grateful to Mr. Bagwell, who was going to present the Society with a motor generator which would put an end to their battery trouble, and save them the expense of having to charge the batteries for each programme.

The Society's suggestion.

Correspondence with Government in connection with financial assistance was then read. The Chairman said that this matter had been brought up by Mr. Bagwell before the Legislative Council.

The following letter, said the Chairman, had been drafted and after approval, had been sent to the Government:

We have the honour to refer to the Hon. Mr. John Bagwell's address to the Legislative Council on Monday, February 7, 1927, in which he asked Government to support the work being done by this Society, and we would ask for your serious consideration of our proposals.

The Society's financial year closed on March 31 last, and owing to the lack of funds, is faced with a very serious situation—that of abandoning its pioneer work unless aid is forthcoming at an early date.

We venture to suggest the following as a means of assistance:

(a) That the licensing fee of \$60 charged for the Society's transmitter be reduced to a nominal sum.

(b) That Government increase the fee of \$5 payable by members of the public for wireless receiving licences to \$15, and that \$10 of this sum be paid to the Society, which will use it for purchasing additional apparatus, and if funds permit, carry out relay work. Alternatively that Government assist the Society by an annual grant.

(c) That Government consider the granting of the Society a sum of \$2,000 as an initial outlay for necessary additional equipment.

4. We would call attention to the fact that our transmissions are the only telephony transmissions, amateur or otherwise, that can be received at good strength in this country.

5. The conditions that Government have recently published and on which they are prepared to grant a broadcasting licence, are not sufficiently attractive to induce any commercial company to apply for broadcasting rights. With the very limited means at our disposal, we have carried on Amateur Broadcasting for a period of just over two years, putting out bi-weekly concerts, and a number of people have installed receiving sets. Unfortunately, however, although a large proportion of listeners-in pay the Government licence fee, only a very few in proportion pay the modest subscription of \$12 per annum to the Society which provides the only broadcast programme which they can be sure of receiving.

6. If and when the Society is in a position to carry out "relay" work, it will mean that numbers of the members of all communities in Singapore and Malaya generally will install receiving sets, and we may mention that the Society is prepared and will be only too pleased of an opportunity to transmit Government news or propaganda in any language.

Government's Reply:

The reply they had received from the acting Colonial Secretary was as follows:

With reference to your letter, dated April 12, 1927, regarding the financial position of the Amateur Wireless Society of Malaya, I am directed to inform you that as applications for a broadcast transmitting licence in terms of Gazette Notification No. 1581 of September 3, 1926, have received and are under consideration, it is regretted that Government is unable to afford assistance as indicated in paragraphs 8 (a) and (b) of your letter or to make any grant towards additional equipment to increase the services performed by your Society.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that Government had met them well.

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I am therefore to ask you to forward particulars of the financial

**FLOATING FACTORY.****GRAHAM NAVAL TELEPHONE FITTED.****SHIP OF UNUSUAL INTEREST.**

There is probably no one throughout the entire world who appreciates the benefits of wireless more than those who for months on end are isolated from civilisation. This thought is put into one's mind upon reading an account of the "Mother" or Factory Ship of a whaling fleet, upon which a crew of between two hundred and three hundred men will spend the whole winter almost lost in the boundless Antarctic Ocean.

For weeks on end, maybe, they will be imprisoned by huge ice floes, so that they compose a community which were it not for radio would have no means of establishing communication with their fellow creatures.

Unquestionably one of the most interesting ships that has ever put to sea is the "C. A. Larsen," a vessel of 17,250 tons, which started its existence as an oil tanker, and has now been altered to form a highly specialised headquarters for whaling operations.

The conversion has been effected in Norway by the A-S Fredriksstad Mekaniske Verksted.

The vessel is fitted throughout with Graham Naval Telephones, and is also equipped with a powerful wireless station embodying the latest type of Marconis apparatus, which is capable of transmitting and receiving messages from Europe to the Southen Polar Ice.

It is worthy of note that the wireless installation embodies a loud speaker, so that as occasion arises those living on this strange craft can be entertained by concerts emanating many thousands of miles away.

The object sought in the design of the ship is, firstly, to provide storage for the immense quantities of blubber oil which are obtained from whales, and secondly to enable the collection of this to be carried out rapidly and economically. For this purpose a special deck has been constructed upon which the whales are fished and cut up, then the dissects members subsequently descend shutes to the enormous boilers arranged below through the medium of which all fat and oil is extracted.

The United States Wireless Control Bill, which has passed the Senate, provides for a Federal

Wireless Commission which, it is hoped, will evolve order out of the present chaotic state of wireless in America.

In the re-organisation of the London air port at Croydon a new wireless station is to be erected for the Air Ministry by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. to replace the one that has done duty for the last seven years.

Several members of your Society and to say what sum will be required to enable your services to be continued as at present for a period of 6 months.

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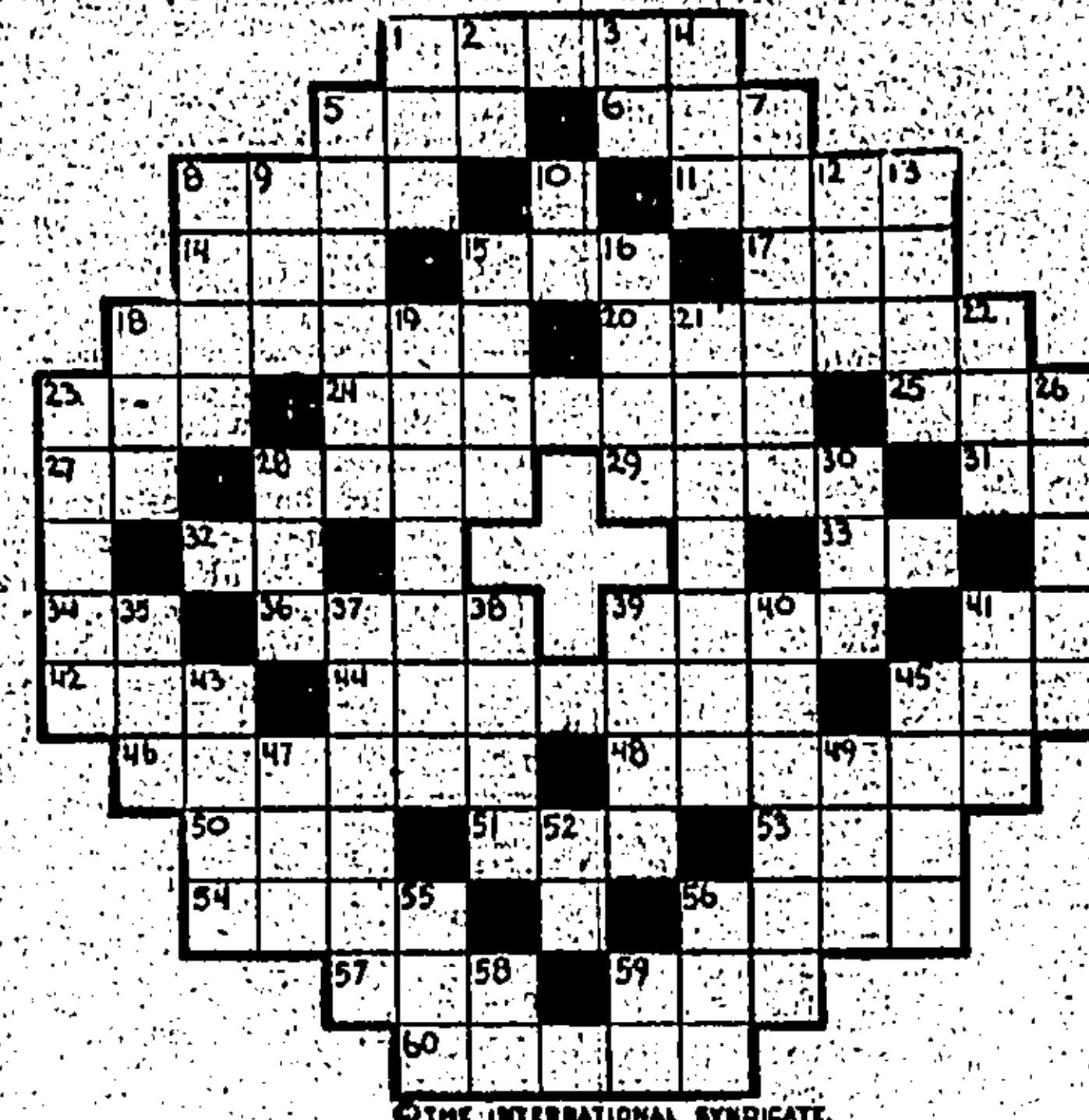
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**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

**HORIZONTAL**

1-Glides before the wind

5-Male child

6-Exclamation of despair

8-Loving

11-To join firmly

14-Age

15-Asiatic shrub

16-Harvester

20-Breakfast food

23-Unopened flower

24-Excuse

25-Miscellaneous collection

27-Inside

28-Stringed instrument

29-Speaks

31-Precede

32-Pronoun

33-Pronoun

34-Exclamation of surprise

36-To refuse executive approval

39-A thin coating

41-Myself

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

42-Spare

44-Buddhist heaven

46-Dawn

48-Lower

50-Fen

51-To entreat

53-Half a score

54-Bevelled

56-To direct one's course

57-Everone

58-Judgment-seat

60-Passard

1-Tuna

2-One

3-Measure of weight (abbr.)

4-An adage

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## FASHIONS AND FANCIES

BY MARY HARRIS



The spring ensemble that so fully stresses its simplicity, is in reality not simple at all, but made up of a number of things necessary to a successful appearance.

From the crown of the new creased hat to the tip of the newest shoes, there are subtle accessories added to the costume that enhance its ensemble appearance.

New jewellery—always interesting to feminine shoppers—appears in rather ornate styles to prove itself interesting. Jewellery of precious metals set with costly stones, or elaborately embellished with enamel is now much in vogue for both day and evening wear. There is a wide variety of articles appearing in this new setting. These include brooches, rings, pendants, necklaces, powder boxes and vanities of all kinds. The diamond-studded animal, bird, or insect that adorns hat or blouse is again making inroads on fashion's favourite pieces of jewellery. Bracelets are especially smart and in all sorts of

shapes and metals. They appear in new versions of slave links or are found in slender bangles or great number. Many of the newest bracelets employ an Oriental theme in enamel and gold.

The hand bag has been stressed in importance this season. It is seen in all sorts of shapes and sizes. The two leathers most in evidence are ostrich and lizard. In lizard the pastel tints are preferred. Ostrich is dyed in tones to harmonize with the costume. Of course, kid and moire bags appear in interesting shapes, too. Bags are being made so that they are quite complete inside. There are pockets and spaces for almost everything that is small enough to fit inside.

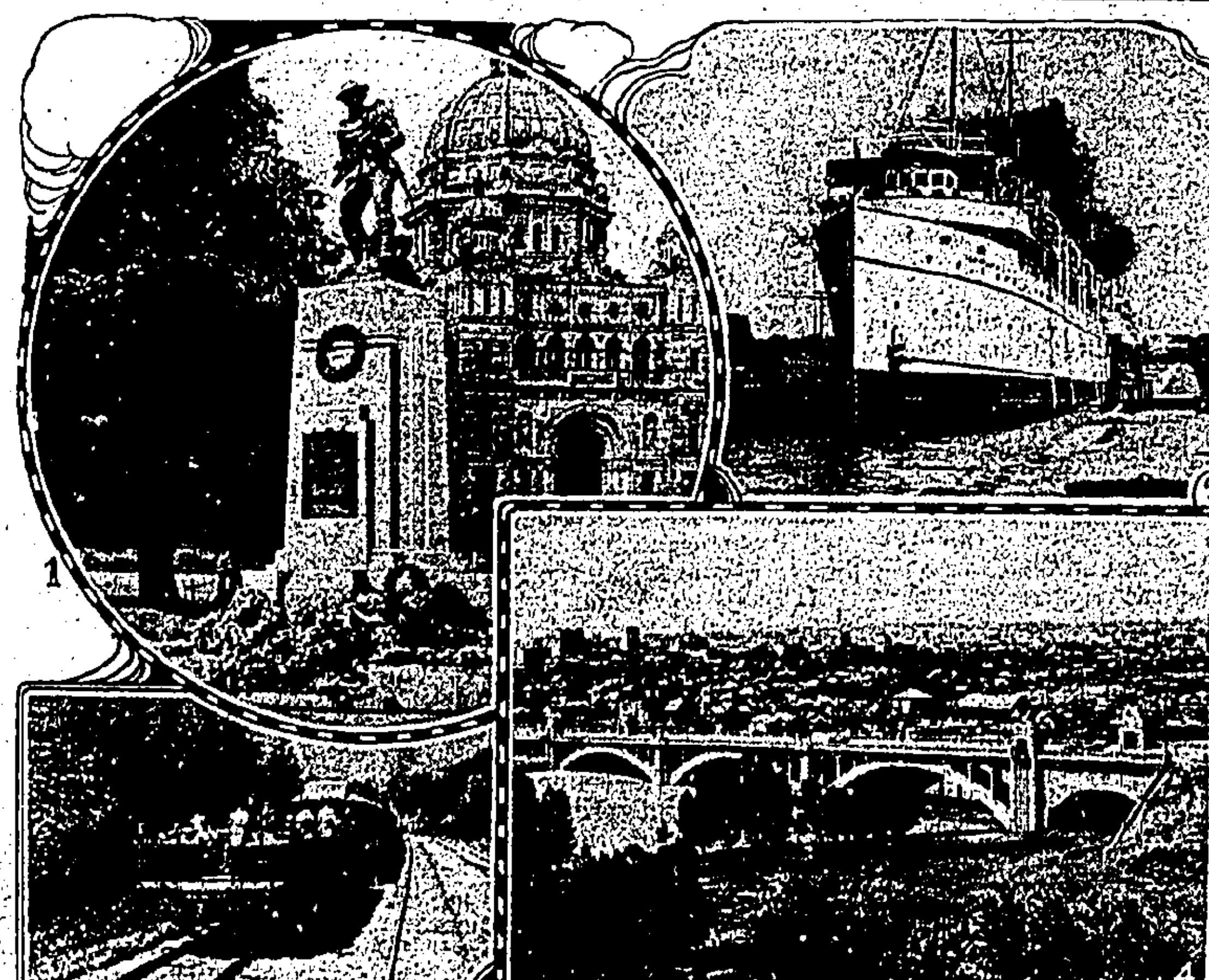
Flowers are an important detail. They are worn, usually, on the shoulder, but the tendency is more and more to place them where they best form a trimming accessory—on the belt or other important place of bodice, waist or skirt. Chiffon and organdy are used at night and for formal afternoon occasions, while a kid carnation or a glazed shell buttonhole is in a new novelty. A chiffon flower placed on the smart fox scarf is a favourite fashion note.

The fox scarf, by the way, is extremely important when worn with furless coat, suit or tailleur.

Large hand-painted chiffton handkerchiefs are seen in charming colours and designs.

Gloves, plain pull-on models in washable suede or glace kid gloves featuring the new braided cuff and buckle are high notes in accessories.

And so it goes—new scarf and a new pin and flower all create an interesting air of completeness. Anna Q. Nilsson, wearing her smart clothes and accessories, chooses the new novelties that Paris offers with real discernment. Miss Nilsson wears several interesting novelties in her first National film, "Easy Pickings."



1. Parliament Buildings, Victoria. 2. C.P.R. Giant Lakes steamer, looking towards Basil St. Maria. 3. Open air observation cars feature the journey through the Rockies. 4. View of the city of Calgary.

That a thorough personal knowledge of every section of the Dominion is necessary part of the education of the Canadian teacher is in the opinion of a large party of teachers who will journey across Canada on the Canadian Pacific lines this summer, headed by Professor Sinclair Laird, Dean of the School for Teachers, Macdonald College.

Dean Laird's tours have become widely popular during the four years they have been conducted. In a statement issued by him in connection with the 21-day trip to the west, Dean Laird said: "With the 50th Anniversary of Confederation occurring in July, and a very fitting time for this event, should be observed by all Canadians as possible, visiting the country from east to west over the pioneer railway which has opened the west, and which itself was one of the public works undertaken to bring British Columbia into Confederation."

"The Canadian Pacific Railway has opened to settlement vast stretches of territory which previously had been practically unknown, unvisited and untravelled. Canadians will find additional inspiration in travelling over our pioneer transcontinental railway and visiting the western provinces that have become so prosperous as a result of the opening of this railway. This tour, I am sure, will be a great revelation."

This tour will begin from Victoria, July 25, ending at noon the first day, journey being through the beautiful lake regions of Muskoka and on to Sudbury. From here the journey continues through the big game areas of northern Ontario to the north shore of the Great Lakes. The north shore of Lake Superior offers something unique in Canadian scenes, and it is arranged that the journey through this region, including the famous "Rocky Mountain House," will be a great revelation."

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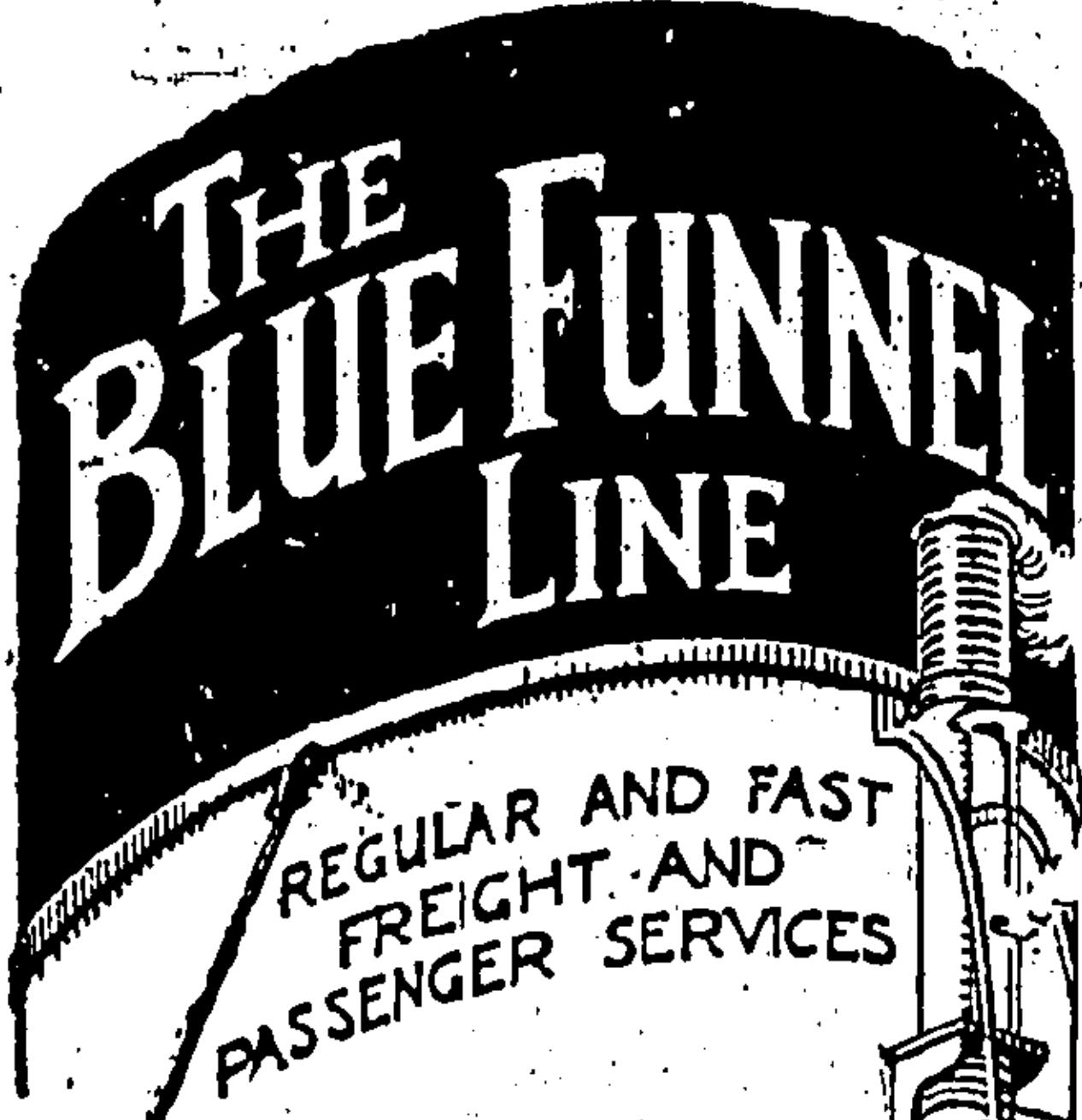
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## LONDON SERVICE.

"AENEAS" 1st May Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow  
"AUTOLYCUS" 6th June London, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
"DIOMEED" 14th June Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hull  
"HARPEDON" 19th June Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow

*Calls at Casablanca*

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"THEBES" 26th June Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"OANPA" 15th July Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"ANTIOCHUS" 16th Aug. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

## PACIFIC SERVICE.

"KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA" 9th June Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle  
"ACHILLES" 2nd July Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

## NEW YORK SERVICE.

"ELPERON" 5th June New York, Boston & Baltimore  
"AGAPENOR" 3rd July New York, Boston & Baltimore

## PASSENGER SERVICE.

"HARPEDON" 26th May 5 p.m. Shanghai, Tsin-ku Wei-hui-wei  
"AENEAS" 31st May Taku ar Dairen  
"HARPELON" 2nd June Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"PATROCLUS" 27th July Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"ANTENOR" 24th Aug. Singapore, Marseilles & London

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:

Muntin, Surpedon, Dewey, Kwaisang, Protesilaus, City of Marsellis, Fingal, Anhui, Neuralia, President Harrison, Angers, Van Heutsz, Athos II, Trebartha, Kwangchow, Szechuan, Kueichow, Luchow, Panama Maru, Lushan Maru, Kishu Maru.

## INWARD MAIIS.

From	TUESDAY, MAY	To
Shanghai	24	Nyanza.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Madison.
Japan		Mishima Maru.
Japan & Shanghai		Athos II.
Saigon		Angers.
	WEDNESDAY, MAY	
Shanghai	25	Sinkiang.
	THURSDAY, MAY	
Straits	26	Trebartha.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London)		
28th April, and parcels 21st April)		Mantua.
	FRIDAY, MAY	
Shanghai	27	Morea.
Straits	SUNDAY, MAY	
MONDAY, MAY	29	Hakozaki Maru.
Manila		Empress of Canada.
Shanghai	30	Aeneas.

## OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	WEDNESDAY, MAY	To
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	25	Talkwa Maru ..... 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand		
via Thursday Island—due Thursday		
day Island 6th June. Registration		
8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		
Salon & Bangkok		Mishima Maru ..... 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		Kohso Maru ..... 10.30 a.m.
E. & S. Africa		Nyanza ..... 10.30 a.m.
THURSDAY, MAY	26	Van Heutsz ..... 10.30 a.m.
Straits		Chenan ..... 10.30 a.m.
Swatow		Hosang ..... 5 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta: Parcels Noon		Hosang ..... 5 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.		Prominent ..... 5 p.m.
Swatow		Hatching ..... 5 p.m.
Salon		Sinkiang ..... 5 p.m.
	FRIDAY, MAY	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	27	Noon ..... 5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius		
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt &		
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-		
selleys, 2nd June		
G.P.O. .... K.P.O.		
Parcels ... 5.00 p.m. 4.30 p.m.		
Reg. (28th) 9.45 a.m. 9.00 a.m.		
Letters ... 10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		
	SATURDAY, MAY	
Sandakan	28	Hinsang ..... 1.30 p.m.
Swiatow, Amoy & Foochow		Kai-ko Maru ..... 7.30 a.m.
MONDAY, MAY	29	Hokozaki Maru ..... 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe		
Siberia		
TUESDAY, MAY	30	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius		
E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe		
via Marseilles—due Marseilles		
2nd July. G.P.O. Registration		
9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
G.P.O. Registration		
Letters 10.30 a.m.		
Shanghai, Japan, Hongkong & S.		
France—due after 27th June		
27th June and Europe via Siberia		

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## NOT CRIPPLED.

### Hong Kong Trade With Shanghai.

#### POLITIC'S WAR & BUSINESS.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Shanghai, May 17.

Hong Kong's trade with Shanghai has not been crippled by the recent crisis in Central and East China although there has been, necessarily, some falling off.

It is not possible to compare the revival periods of the two places. Hong Kong went through a boycott and strike of eighteen months while in Shanghai the trouble soon blew over. Shanghai's recovery has not begun yet, as abnormal conditions still exist.

Whereas Hong Kong and Canton are still uneasy on account of the Communist threat in the two Kwang provinces, Shanghai's concern lies in the direction of possible further disturbances through changes in the military situation.

Shanghai hongs do not mind which party is in power provided it is strong enough to keep order in the adjacent territory and hinterland. Because Chiang Kai-shek now holds sway, popular opinion is on his side, and a Northern drive would upset everything again.

China's Flour King. Cantonese merchants in Shanghai place faith in Chiang Kai-shek and the Nanking Nationalists, in fact, to an extent that is astonishing after the apathy generally shown by the Cantonese in the South.

The Nationalist Government's project to raise \$30,000,000 by Treasury bonds has met with favourable response from all sides.

Even the warrant issued for the arrest of China's flour king has not been criticised. This man's name is Yung Tsung-king (Wing Chung-king in Cantonese) and he controls between ten and twenty of the richest wheat flour mills along the Yangtze estuary. The allegation against him is of having contributed a large sum to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's coffers. His mills are at Wusih, along the railway from Shanghai to Nanking, in a veritable hive of industry.

Cantonese Take Part. The best informed circles suggest that the \$30,000,000 for the Nationalist onslaught on the North is to be raised in three parts, Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces each being responsible for a third and Shanghai for the other third.

Most of the wealth in Shanghai, as everybody knows, is inside the International Settlement and French Concession. Accordingly, it is all the more surprising to find a practically voluntary response being made by merchant princes not in Chinese territory.

Cantonese traders in Shanghai have been allocated the task of finding \$300,000—not an impossible task for comparatively wealthy interests, but the cash has not been fully contributed yet. Delay, if it can be called such, is due, not to unwillingness, but to minor disputes arising from "handing out the honours" and the present tightness of money brought about by hoarding.

Pay Willingly. Each of the three biggest department stores has been asked to subscribe \$100,000. This has not been confirmed but it should be noted that all three concerns are essentially Cantonese.

Chinese Exchange Banks, native bankers and the "currency shops" which make up the non-foreign financial centre of Shanghai have been allocated the biggest "share" of the fifteen millions.

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Nationalist Foreign Minister has met with favourable response all round. Couched in moderate language, it makes pleasant reading when placed side by side with Mr. Eugene Chen's latest statement from Hankow.

Even foreigners readily admit that Dr. C. C. Wu has summed up the question fairly, and in a sentence, as follows:

"The resentment of the Chinese to the foreigner is not to him individually but to the system under which he lives. The Chinese object, not to the presence of the foreigner, but to his position of privilege."

An example of Mr. Eugene Chen's bombast is given currently:

"We shall conquer our way to Peking, where, in the name of Nationalist China and the Kuomintang, I shall speak in a language which cannot be ignored by Sir Austen Chamberlain."

His Latest Colours.

At any rate, Mr. Chen's declaration is interesting for the fact that he is now definitely working for Borodin and not for Chiang Kai-shek. Indeed, his denunciation of his erstwhile master must come as a big surprise to Chinese in Hong Kong.

The General Hospital goes to the Diocesan Boys' School.

## MORE TROOPS.

### ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORT UNITS.

#### AIR FORCE SQUADRON.

The trooper "Neuralia" arrived yesterday and went alongside at the Naval Yard. On board are the No. 2 (Army Cooperation) Squadron of the Royal Air Force, a General Hospital, the 38th M.T. Company, A.S.C., together with several detachments from the regiments now serving in Shanghai.

This is the first time that a squadron of the Royal Air Force, as distinct from the Fleet Air Arm, has left Britain as a complete unit since the Chanak incident.

The Squadron, which is equipped with "Bristol Fighters," is commanded by Squadron Leader W. Sowry, D.F.C., A.F.C.

The 38th M.T. Company, Army Service Corps, is being accommodated at the Shamshui-poo Camp.

It is the first fully mechanised transport Company of its kind and is under the command of Major S. W. Morrison. The transport consists of 51 six-wheeler 30 cwt. lorries.

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## COOL FRAUD.

### GOLDSMITH'S EMPLOYEE TRICKED.

A Chinese visited a goldsmith's shop in town yesterday and ordered some jewellery worth \$119 to be delivered C.O.D. to one Lee Man living at the Toi San Boarding House.

When the shop folk arrived with the valuables, he was met on the landing by the man who had placed the order.

This man took the parcel and on the pretext of taking it to his master who was in bed went upstairs promising to return with the money. He was not seen again and after a long wait the folk returned to the shop empty handed. A report has been made to the police.

## NOTICES.

### S.S. "TJILEBOET."

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the wreck of the Forepart of the s.s. "TJILEBOET" as it now lies at Ling-Ting Island. Full particulars from the undersigned.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LTD., York Building.

### HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

#### NOTICE.

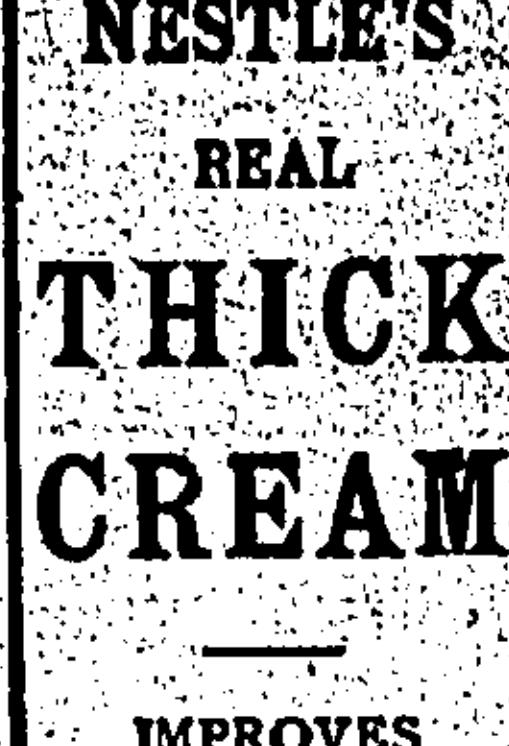
A MEETING OF MEMBERS of the Club will be held in the Pavilion on TUESDAY, 31st May, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal by the Committee to add a second storey to the Pavilion and make other additions and improvements to the building.

Plans may be seen in the Pavilion.

By Order of the Committee.

L. S. GREENHILL, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1927.



## QUEEN'S

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